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July 20, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Acting Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **HEALTH FACILITIES INSPECTION DIVISION**

On April 18, 2006, as a result of reduced State funding for inspections of health facilities and a resulting backlog of new facilities seeking licensing, your Board took the following action:

Instructed the Acting Director of Health Services to:

- Conduct a full review of the health facility inspection process;
- Work in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel and negotiate with the State Department of Health Services on amending the County's licensure and certification contract No. 05-45391 with the State.

On June 29, 2006, I provided you with a review of the Health Facilities Inspection Division (HFID) and a discussion of the major problems its staff has faced over the past few years as a result of State budget cuts.

Now that the State budget has been signed, the State should be ready to initiate negotiations over the FY 06/07 contract for these services. Public Health staff have initiated this process by contacting the State with specific questions.

I will provide you with a further update by July 31, 2006. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
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